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SUBJ: MOBIL OIL

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1. DISPUTE BETWEEN MOBIL OIL CORP AND GOP OVER BATAAN REFINERY SHARE OWNERSHIP APPEARS TO DATE AT LEAST FROM FALL OF 1973 WHEN ESSO'S SALE OF BRC ASSETS WAS BEING DISCUSSED. MOBIL'S RESISTANCE AT THAT TIME TO ENTERING MINORITY PARTNERSHIP WITH GOP ENTITY WAS CLEAR, AND APPARENTLY BASED ON COMPANY'S RELUCTANCE TO SUBJECT ITS ASSETS TO CONTROL OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHICH OPERATES ON MANY CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN PROFIT-MAKING. AT SAME TIME, GOP THEN APPEARED ANXIOUS TO RETAIN MOBIL'S PARTICIPATION IN BRC, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, AND WE ASSUME OPTION WAS GRANTED FOR THAT REASON.

2. GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND WE WONDER WHETHER GOP'S ATTITUDE AT PRESENT IS ACTUALLY A REACTION TO MOBIL'S  
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STYLE IN HANDLING IT, OR SIMPLY REFLECTS REVIVAL OF

DORMANT, UNRESOLVED CONFLICT. MOBIL OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PHL JANUARY 9, AND WILL PRESUMABLY PRESS THEIR POINT IN PURSUIT OF FURTHER USG SUPPORT. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE REGARDING NATURE OF THEIR APPROACH, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND ON SPECIFIC ERRORS MOBIL MAY HAVE MADE IN

DEALINGS WITH GOP, AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE OF WHETHER GOP IS NOW DETERMINED TO DENY MOBIL AN EQUAL SHARE IN THE REFINERY CORPORATION, OR MIGHT STILL BE OPEN TO PERSUASION. KISSINGER

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